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## Legend of "Great Skookum" Lake.

The following interesting Indian Legend of "Great Skookum" Lake, Tillamook county, was told in Sunday's Oregonian:

The only party ever known to have passed a night by the shores of "Great Skookum" Lake without being disturbed and frightened out of seven years' growth was a party consisting of the father of Sheriff Crenshaw, of Tillamook; Charles Ladd, the Portland banker, and J. D. Edwards, now with the Whitney Land Company, who camped there one night some years ago. Mr. Edwards states that they were not disturbed, but he has heard from others who have had the most trying experiences there.

The Indian Legend connected with the lake is as follows: Old Killums, the chief of the Tillamook (or as it used to be spelled, Killamook) Indians used to get terribly excited when telling the story.

Indian tradition tells that in the days of long ago, many, many moons before ever a white man was known on the Coast, the lake was the favorite camping, hunting and fishing ground, in the Fall,

of the powerful Killamook tribe.

It was their custom to visit the lake, which swarmed with fish, and the shores of which were overrun with deer, elk, bear, panthers and other animals. The squaws would pick immense quantities of berries, especially the blueberry, and dry the fish caught, while the bucks would go off and kill their winter supply of deer, elk and other game.

One day while the bucks were away hunting this "Big Skookum," an immense monster, came out of the lake and dragged one of the most prominent and best favored of the squaws back to his haunt in the center of the lake and disappeared. The rest of the squaws raised a great alarm which reached and brought back the hunters, who, when they heard the tale, immediately struck camp, and packed everything out that night.

The lake was given the name of the "Great Skookum" and has been held by the Indians as haunted and accursed ever since.

Young Killum, the son of old Chief Killum, is on the Grande Ronde reservation now, and nothing would induce any Indian on the reserve to go near "Great Skookum" Lake.